

I turn to you with an important issue on my mind. My husband works for a television station and we both know how important it is for each and every station which receives use of the public airwaves free of charge to be responsible about its use. Politicking and electioneering cannot be tolerated. Otherwise why should ANY citizen watch TV? Just to hear other people's opinions? I don't think so. So I turn to you to help us all out and to help us keep an even playing field for all current political candidate's

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to STRENGTHEN MEDIA OWNERSHIP RULES, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.